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Serial No. 09/317,409

## Response to Office Action

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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Lucas, et al

Serial No.: 09/317,409

Filed: May 24, 1999

For: Products and Methods of  
Core Crush Prevention

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Befumo, Jenna Leigh

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Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
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OKAY TO ENTER  
JLB  
4/7/06

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This correspondence is in response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2006, regarding the above-entitled application for which the time for mailing to respond is through April 1, 2006, which provides that if the Examiner's advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the three-month shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed.

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Please amend the application as follows.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.